SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

On November 16, 2006, Applicants' representative, Ronald Schoenbaum, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Kenneth Coulter to discuss the outstanding non-final Office Action. During the interview, Mr. Schoenbaum pointed out that the four Mercury Interactive patent references applied to the claims (namely Appl. 10/057,295; its publication, 2002/0198985; Appl. 10/038,098, and Pat. 6,738,933) are based on a common specification. Mr. Schoenbaum then explained some of the differences between the subject matter of the present application and the subject matter of said common specification.

For example, in connection with Claim 1 of the present application, Mr. Schoenbaum pointed out that when a transaction is executed that invokes multiple application components on an application server, the various features described in said common specification would not enable the execution times of each of these application components to be monitored. Mr. Schoenbaum also explained that such execution time information is helpful for pinpointing certain types of problems, such as poorly written application components.

Mr. Schoenbaum also pointed out examples of claim limitations (particularly in Claims 1-4, 6, 11 and 19) that provide patentable distinctions over the four Mercury Interactive references and U.S. Pat. 6,178,449 to Forman.

No other claims or references were discussed, no exhibits were presented, and no agreement was reached.